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Wakefield Staging Giant Rally Today

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There will be big doings in the school gym at Wakefield this afternoon, when the entire student body will be on hand to boost the Red Warriors for their final contest against Washington-Lee tomorrow afternoon at the Washington-Lee field, game scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

Dick McCann, general manager of the Washington Redskins, will act as Master of Ceremonies, with Tom Thomas, one of the top draft

choices of the Redskins, and possibly one or two other players, also on hand to give the team a send-off.

Forty cheerleaders will lead an expected crowd of 2,200 students, in a rally which will show the squad they are backed to the hilt and expected victors in closing out the 1954 season.

Washington-Lee's JV captain, Bob Short, will be recognized as will cross country captain Bill Hunter. The two schools will compete in a cross country track duel

at halftime. Not to be forgotten are the coaches of both teams, head coach Dick "Tank" Johnson and assistants Walt Schulte, Bill Edmondston and Vic Blue with the gridders, and Buddy Stein, coach of the thin clads.

Mrs. Edith Walter, former Washington-Lee teacher, who at last year's rally brought down the house when she climaxed her thoughts with, "and I'm sure Washington-Lee will win," will be on hand to again comment on the outcome.

To keep things lively, four members of the faculty have put on a skit in behalf of the team, having dressed one of their members in a General's outfit, and they themselves as Warriors, and throughout the rally will attempt to scalp the General before all witnesses. With one Warrior hardly making the chase each time they pass through the gym, he finally gives up, waits for the return trip, and proceeds to scalp the victim. Upon removal of the hair, the remnants will show a "BEAT WL" enscribed upon the brain.

Milo Sonen, Athletic Director at Wakefield, reports that ticket purchasing is heavy, but there will be tickets available at the gate for 75c, all seats. Tickets are also being sold at the school for reserved seats on chartered busses which will transport the following to Washington-Lee stadium. Captain Raymond S. Cole, of the Arlington Police Department, will arrange for a police escort for a motorcade which will leave Wakefield at 1:00 p.m. The chartered busses will line up on South Dinwiddie Street, facing Chesterfield Road, and all cars joining the motorcade are to fall in behind these busses. Anyone going to the game is welcome to join the caravan, and are requested to decorate their auto in some manner in the school colors, green and white. All cars in the motorcade have reserved parking space upon arrival at the game site.

Assured of victory, the students have arranged a victory parade after the game, which will terminate at the school, where a celebration will also take place.